REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, 14, and 15 are currently pending. Claims 1, 2, 14, and 15 have been allowed, and Claims 7, 9-12, 14, and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Applicants have canceled all rejected claims above. Thus, the grounds of the pending rejections are now moot. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due. However, in the event that fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

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